(c) With a view to encourage development of Furit & Vegetable Processing Industries, government has taken several steps which *inter-alia* includes de-licencing of all fruit and vegetable products industries, providing fiscal reliefs for the products, capital goods and packaging materials and encouraging domestic and foreign investment in fruits and vegetable processing industries. Ministry also operates various plan schemes under which assistance is extended for setting up and upgrading of fruit and vegetable processing industries, setting up of infrastructure facilities, research and development, setting up of training facilities for small scale entrepreneurs, conducting studies, holding seminars and generally extending assistance through the State nodal agencies.

Kuchcha Roads in Pauri Garhwal

2458. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tourism is adversely suffering in District Pauri Garhwal, Uttar Pradesh due to Kuchcha Road Factor;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken to macadime all motor roads within five years from the years of their commissioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PROSAD VARMA): (a) to (c) Construction and maintenance of State roads at present is the responsibility of State Governments. This Ministry has, therefore, no information to furnish in this regard.

Power Plant Contract of A.P. Government with Subitomo Corporation of Japan

2459. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Gas Power Corporation has signed a contract with Sumitomo Corporation of Japan for setting up of 172 MW dual fuel based power plant, at an estimated cost of Rs. 480 crore, in west Godavari district;

(b) if so, what are the features of the agreement reached with Japan;

(c) by when the project is likely to start; and

(d) to what extent the power would be generated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Requirement and Production of LPG

2460. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding total requirement, in terms of tonnage, of LPG as against the production during 1996-97, as compared to 1995-96;

(b) the details of Government's scheme to increase the production of LPG by expanding the capacities of existing refineries, indicating refinery-wise production of LPG during 1996-97, as compared to 1995-96;

(c) the proposals for procurement of LPG cylinders during 1996-97 as per the requirement, as against procurement made during 1995-96; and

(d) the number of units in each State, particularly in Rajasthan and Orissa,

where orders for supply of LPG cylinders have been placed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The details of requirement and production of LPG in the country during 1996-97 as compared to 1995-96 are given below:—

(Figures in '000 MT

Year	LPG Production	LPG Consumption
1995-96	3246	3836
1996-97 (Prov.)	3107	4232

(b) Plans have been drawn to augment LPG production through expansion of refining capacity at existing refineries during IX Plan as per details given below:

	Existing refining capacity (MMT)	Expansion proposed of (MMT)	Expected year commissioning	LPG Production (000 MT) 1996-97 (EST)	2001-2002 (EST)
Vizag	4.5	3.0	1997-98	128	203
Barauni	3.3	2.7		48	148
Ist Expn.		0.9	1999-2000		
2nd Expn.		1.8	2001-02		
MRPL	3.0	6.0	2000-01	59	199
Koyali	9.5	3.0	2000-01	250	432
CRL	7.5	3.0	2001-02	251	277
MRL	6.5	3.0	2001-02	148	212
Mathura	7.5	0.5	1999-2000	207	233

(c) The number of LPG cylinders required to be procured in a year depends on the annual enrolment target of new LPG customers, the issue of 2nd cylinder facility (DBC) and the replacement of unserviceable cylinders. On the basis of proposed enrolment of 20 lakhs new customers and 20 lakh DBC customers during 1996-97 and on the basis of replacement requirement about 60 lakhs cylinders may be procured in 1996-97.

(d) The requisite information is given in the Statement.

Statement

Statewise details of LPG cylinder manufacturing units on whom orders for procurement of LPG cylinders have been placed by Public Sector Oil Cos. for 1996-97.

S.No.	Name of the State	No. of Cylinders Manufacturing Units
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10
2.	Delhi	1
3.	Gujarat	2
4.	Himachal Pradesh	2
5.	Haryana	5
6.	Karnataka	4
7.	Kerala	1
8.	Madhya Pradesh	4
9.	Maharashtra	5
10.	Orissa	3
11.	Punjab	1
12.	Rajasthan	5
13.	Tamilnadu	5
14.	Uttar Pradesh	4

S.No.	Name of State	No. of Cylinders Manufacturing Units
15.	West Bengal	3
16.	Pondicherry	1
	Total	56

जम्मू-कश्मीर में ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रमों को लागू किया जाना

2461. **श्री मोहिन्दर सिंह कल्याण:** क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) जम्मू-कश्मीर राज्य में ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रमों को तेजी से लागू करने हेतु सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है; और

(ख) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में प्रस्तावित कार्यक्रम का ब्यौरा क्या है?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चन्द्रदेव प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) जम्मू व कश्मीर में सरकार द्वारा की गई कार्रवाई में ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रमों के तीव्र कार्यान्वयन सहित निधियों के आबंटन को बढ़ाने, निधियों की रिलीज हेतु निर्धारित शर्तों में छूट देने, निधियों के पूर्ण उपयोग हेतु प्रभावी उपाय शुरू करने और जम्मू व कश्मीर राज्य में ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रमों के कार्यान्वयन में तेजी लाने के उद्देश्य से उच्च दफ्तरशाहों का राज्य में दौरा करना शामिल है।

(ख) जम्मू व कश्मीर राज्य में सरकार द्वारा वर्तमान में समन्वित ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रम, जवाहर रोजगार योजना, सुनिश्चित रोजगार योजना, भूमि सुधार, त्वरित ग्रामीण जलापूर्ति कार्यक्रम, सूखाग्रस्त क्षेत्र कार्यक्रम, मरूभूमि विकास कार्यक्रम, प्रशासन को सुदृढ़ करना और भू-अभिलेखों को अद्यतन बनाना, भू-अभिलेखों के कम्प्यूटरीकरण जैसे प्रमुख कार्यक्रमों को कार्यान्वित किया जा रहा है।

New Depots of Bharat Petroleum in Andhra Pradesh

2462. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMCHANDRA REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Petroleum proposes to construct new depots at Cheriapalli and Ongole in Andhra Pradesh and set up a Coastal installation at Kakinada;

(b) if so, the target for completion of the project; and

(c) the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. has already a depot at Cheriapalli. The progress and likely date of completion of a new depot at Ongole and a coastal terminal at Kakinada are given below:—

DEPOTS	PROGRESS	LIKELY DATE OF COMPLETION
Ongole	Construction activity is at an advanced stage.	December, 1996.
Kakinada Coastal Terminal	Preliminary work of soil investigation, land development and construction of a boundary wall has been completed.	March, 1998.